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By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION,

For a PUBLICK THANKSGIVING.

ANNE R.

FOrasmuch as it hath pleased *Almighty God, who Directeth and Over-ruleth all Things by His Infinite Wisdom and Mercy, to afford us his Assistance in this just and necessary War, wherein we are now engaged with several other Princes and States of* Europe *against the* French *King, and hath visibly protected us this Year from many great Attempts and Treacherous Designs of our Enemies; and hath Blessed the Arms of us and our Allies, under the Command of* John *Duke of* Marlborough, *Captain General of our Forces, with many and great Successes, throughout this last Campaign, which hath been extended to an unusual Length, and at last is happily finished by the Taking of the strong City and Fortress of* Lisle, *and the Reduction of* Ghent *and* Bruges: *We do therefore most devoutly Adore the Divine Goodness; and duly Considering, That such great and publick Blessings do call for a publick and solemn Acknowledgment, have thought fit, by the Advice of our Privy-Council, to Issue this our Royal Proclamation, hereby Appointing and Commanding, That a General Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for these His Mercies, be observed throughout* England, Wales, *and Town of* Berwick *upon* Tweed, *upon* Thursday *the Seventeenth Day of* February *next. And for the better, more devout, and orderly Solemnizing the same, we have given Directions to our Archbishops and Bishops, to Compose a Form of Prayer suitable to these Occasions, to be used in all Churches and Chapels, and other Places of publick Worship, within their respective Dioceses, and to take care for the timely Dispersing thereof. And we do likewise Direct and Command, That the said Publick Day of Thanksgiving be Religiously observed by all our Loving Subjects, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and upon pain of suffering such Punishment, as we may justly inflict on all such as shall Contemn or Neglect the Performance of so Religious and Necessary a Duty.*

Given at Our Court at St. *James's*, the Thirtieth Day of *December*, 1708. And in the Seventh Year of Our Reign.

God Save the QUEEN.

By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION,

For a GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

ANNE R.

FOrasmuch as it hath pleased *Almighty God, who Directeth and Over-ruleth all Things by His Infinite Wisdom and Mercy, to afford us His Assistance in this just and necessary War, wherein we are now engaged with several other Princes and States of* Europe *against the* French *King, and hath visibly Protected us this Year from many great Attempts and Treacherous Designs of our Enemies; and hath Blessed the Arms of us and our Allies, under the Command of* John *Duke of* Marlborough, *Captain General of our Forces, with many and great Successes, throughout this last Campaign, which hath been extended to an unusual Length, and at last is happily finished by the Taking of the strong City and Fortress of* Lisle, *and the Reduction of* Ghent *and* Bruges: *We do therefore most devoutly Adore the Divine Goodness; and duly Considering, That such great and publick Blessings do call for a publick and solemn Acknowledgment, have thought fit, by the Advice of our Privy-Council, to Issue forth this our Royal Proclamation, hereby Appointing and Commanding, That a General Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for these His Mercies, be observed throughout that Part of our Kingdom of* Great Britain *called* Scotland, *upon* Thursday *the Seventeenth Day of* February *next. And we do hereby Direct and Command, That the said Day of Publick Thanksgiving be Religiously observed by all our loving Subjects in* Scotland, *as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and upon pain of suffering such Punishment as we may justly inflict on all such as shall Contemn or Neglect the Performance of so Religious and Necessary a Duty. Our Will is therefore, and we Charge that incontinent, this our Proclamation seen, ye pass to the Market Cross of* Edinburgh, *and all other Places needful, and there in our Name and Authority, make Publication hereof, that none pretend Ignorance; and our Will and Pleasure is, That our Solicitor do cause printed Copies hereof to be sent to the Sheriffs of the several Shires, Stewarts of Stewarties, and Baillies of Regalities, and their Clerks, whom we Ordain to see the same Published, and we appoint them to send Doubles hereof to the several Paroch-Kirks within their Bounds; That upon the Lord's Day immediately preceding the Day above-mentioned, the same may be Published and Read from the Pulpits immediately after Divine Service.*

Given at Our Court at St. *James's*, the Thirtieth Day of *December*, 1708. And in the Seventh Year of Our Reign.

God save the QUEEN.

At the Court at St. James's, December 30. 1708.

PRESENT,

The Queen's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS Day, by Her Majesty's Command, the Right Honourable *Charles* Earl of *Manchester*, and *John* Earl *Powlet*, were Sworn of Her Majesty's most Honourable Privy-Council, pursuant to an Act passed the last Session of Parliament in that behalf, Entituled, *An Act for Rendring the Union of the Two Kingdoms more Entire and Compleat.*

St. James's, January 4. The Count Bergami, Envoy-Extraordinary from the Duke of Modena, had a private Audience of Her Majesty, to Condole the Death of his Royal Highness the Prince; conducted by Sir Charles Cottrell, Master of the Ceremonies; and introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Sunderland, Principal Secretary of State.

Hague, January 8. *N. S.* A Gold Chain and Medal have been bestowed, by the States, upon the Sieur Vleertman, who brought the Capitulation of Ghent. Their High-Mightinesses have given their Deputies in the Army Leave to return home; and have published an Edict, wherein it is commanded, that the 16th of this Month shall be kept Sacred throughout all the Provinces, as a Day of Thanksgiving for the happy Successes of their Arms, and those of their Allies, in the Campaign now ended. There are great Preparations making for the Celebration of that Day; the Evening of which is to be closed with the ringing of Bells, discharge of Cannon, magnificent Fireworks, and all other Demonstrations of Publick Satisfaction. The Horse-Guards are suddenly expected here, and one Battalion of the Foot-Guards is also to have their Winter-Quarters in this Place. They write from Frankfort, that the Abbot of Kempton was at present there, from whence he will, within few Days, go to Wetzlar. It is believed his Imperial Majesty will remove him, and name another Person to be President of the Aulick Council. We hear from the Upper Rhine, that the French have ordered the greater part of their Forces, which they have in Alsatia and on the Moselle, to march towards the Low-Countries. Advices from France inform us, that